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Denali Training Fund Final Report

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Name of Organization: Kuspuk School District	
Name of Project: Project Kick Ash	File 10-307 1072-K
Reporting Period: 09/04/09 – 04/15/10	
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Award Year: 2009-10	Award Number: 1072-K
Original Amount Awarded: \$34,030.00	
Final Expenditures: \$34028.45 <1,557 to be released	
Certification: I certify that the information in this report is current, correct and true and in accordance with the terms and conditions of the agreement.	
Signed by: <u>Signature Page Scanned</u> Dated <u>5/19/10</u>	

1. A. In a few sentences, please describe the initial scope of your project.

The initial scope of the project was to hold two multi-week camps to train students in ETT and Firefighting techniques. We changed it to include EMT 1 certification as well as ETT. We also were granted our request to include 16 year olds, instead of the original agreement, which counted only 17-24 year olds.

1. B. Did you modify the scope or the budget at any time during this project? If so, please explain.

Yes, we requested minor budget modifications ~ \$700. We were able to save a small amount of money on staff travel and personal services and put it into needed supplies.

2. A. How many people did your original proposal intend to train?

We originally proposed to train 20-25 participants.

B. How many people did you ultimately train? Please attach a final list of participants, their community, certification and where they are employed.

We began training with 22 students, 14 of whom completed the certification program(s).

Completer Name	Village	Credentials
George Kameroff	Aniak	ETT, & EMT 1 certification, CPR certification
Janeen Barr	Brevig Mission	ETT, & EMT 1 certification, CPR certification
Kristina Andrew	Tuluksak	ETT certification
Chase Stewman	Crooked Creek	ETT certification
Jaydean Kelila	Aniak	ETT certification
Thomas Komkoff	Tatitlek	ETT, & EMT 1 certification, CPR certification
Helen Eningowuk	Shishmaref	ETT, & EMT 1 certification, CPR certification
Rae Rae Olanna	Shishmaref	ETT, & EMT 1 certification, CPR certification
Kyana Schroeder	Pairbanks - No -	ETT, & EMT 1 certification, CPR certification
Dylan Geffe	Tatitlek	ETT, & EMT 1 certification, CPR certification
Logan Gusty	Stony River	ETT, & EMT 1 certification, CPR certification
Phyllis Phillips	Chuathbaluk	ETT, CPR cert. & EMT 1 applications portion
Candi Nickolie	Aniak	ETT, & EMT 1 certification, CPR certification
Cori Bobby	Stony River	ETT certification

2. C. If there is a variance between original and final, please explain.

We began training for the expected number of students, but unfortunately not all of them completed. There were a variety of contributing factors, but the top two were 1) difficulty with the demanding schedule -long training hours expected 6 days a week, and 2) illness and/or homesickness.

3. Please tell us about lesson(s) learned during this project.

We feel that we have offered a quality program to participants, and we thank Denali Training Funds for contributing 40% of the funds for our project. Students are now on a clear job path for success that would have otherwise been floundering.

While we could entertain the idea of a "Lesson Learned" regarding better screening of applicants, the fact of the matter is that some of the students we probably would have screened out were the ones who successfully completed the program.

4. Please provide a minimum of one success story for this project.

Success Story #1

"There was one success that really stood out for me. A young girl from a tiny northern village just seemed to devour all the emergency medical training I could teach. One day I asked her if she planned to go on with medicine in college. She said that she never had considered that before,

but had now decided to go into medicine. She wanted to help people with her newly gained ETT skills. She went on to speak of her traumatic childhood in the village. When she was 12 years old, her and a close friend got stuck riding a snow machine in a storm and had to walk home. On the way, in the dark and blowing snow, her friend fell through a hole in the ice. She tried to grab her in the cold water but couldn't feel her. Then, some time later her younger brother was killed in an airplane wreck and her father died shortly afterwards. Until this camp she didn't know what she was going to do with her life and had usually been in some trouble or another in school. Now, some weeks after the Denali Training Funds "Camp Kick-Ash", we have received reports from her school that this young woman has had a complete turnaround with her attitude and academic performance. In teaching life-saving skills at numerous medical training camps is that, for some of these seriously at-risk youngsters, often the very first life 'saved' turns out to be their own."

-Dave LeMaster, instructor

Success Story #2

"This student gained ETT certification in the first camp this year, and gained his EMT certification in the second camp. He has just applied for a training program in Bethel, and is on his way to becoming a Certified Nurse's Assistant. This student has a long history of being unengaged in regular school learning, his eyes always down, head drooping. His achievement in school has been minimal in comparison to his abilities. Prior to this program, when asked about his plans after graduation, his reply had been something like "Nothing. Leave me alone. I don't want to do anything."

His confidence and excitement about medical careers has been building since the Fall camp. The last day of the Spring Camp, on the way out of the classroom to the awards ceremony, he asked me to take a look at the chalkboard. I went in at my next opportunity, and saw that he had written a poem about being an EMT. I can't remember the details, but the final line was, "I am the fire that heals and does not burn, I am an EMT".

His teachers have reported a marked difference in his attitude towards school. His family says he has a greatly improved attitude toward life. When asked what he wants to do after graduation, he proudly says, "I've applied for CNA training in Bethel."

-Dave LeMaster, instructor

5. Please attach a few photos with descriptive captions.

If you would like more photos, please let us know.